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**Subject:** DMBI Complete / Request for IRT Comments, Big Hollow Mitigation Bank (Corps# 2016-00537-EMN)  
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Dear Mr. Clark :

On June 15, 2020, we received your Draft Mitigation Bank Instrument (DMBI) including a mitigation plan (Plan) for the proposed Big Hollow Mitigation Bank, located in Sauk County, Wisconsin. We have completed our review of the DMBI and Plan and determined that the submittal is complete.

Our determination that the DMBI and Plan are complete marks the beginning of the Interagency Review Team's (IRT) thirty-five day review period. By copy of this email, the IRT members are being requested to provide any comments on or before July 27, 2020. Password-protected access to the DMBI and Plan is available to IRT reviewers on the RIBITS web site in the cyber-repository for this pending bank.

Following the IRT review period, my staff will provide you with comments submitted by the IRT and will coordinate with you to resolve any issues associated with potential federal approval of your mitigation bank proposal. On or before September 21, 2020 we will also provide you with a status update letter that summarizes the outstanding issues remaining with your proposal and the items that must be addressed in your MBI and Plan should you chose to continue seeking federal approval and submit a final MBI and Plan.

In addition, you must submit a pre-construction notification requesting Department of the Army (DA) authorization for the discharge of fill material in wetlands associated with the restoration work outlined in your mitigation plan. The work you describe in the mitigation plan appears to fit the general activity information described in under Nationwide Permit (NWP) 27. As identified in general condition 32(a)(2), you may not begin the proposed activity until receiving written notification from the Corps that the required coordination has been completed and your activity is verified under a NWP. Your project will be coordinated with other agencies as required by the regulations referenced above.

If you have any questions, please contact me in our Stevens Point office at (651) 290-5879 or eric.m.norton@usace.army.mil. In any correspondence or inquiries, please refer to the Regulatory file number shown above.

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